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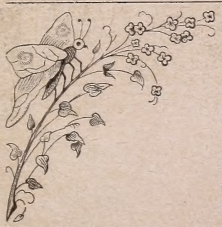

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To My Friends and Patrons and All Lovers of Fine Fruit:

I desire to thank my old customers for the patronage extended to me in the past, and assure you that I shall endeavor to merit a continuance of favors in the future.

I hope to gain many new customers during the coming season, and solicit a trial order from those who have had no dealings with me, with the assurance of giving satisfaction.

All communications will receive prompt and careful attention. Respectfully,

CHARLES C. STONE,
Fairview Fruit Farm
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

No Cheap Plants

Read this catalogue carefully before ordering. No order booked for less than 75 cents. Stamps taken for sums less than $1. Will sell 6 of one variety at dozen rates, 50 at 100 rates, and 500 at 1,000 rates. Parties wanting large orders write for special prices. Do not send to me for cheap plants, I do not grow them, I do not handle them, I do not plant them.

At Reduced Rates

Estimates will be cheerfully furnished on large orders. In many cases quotations may be had at less than catalogue rates, where stock is in surplus.

Shipped in Good Order

My plants are well grown, true to name, are packed in the best possible manner, and are warranted to reach customers in good condition for planting, as fresh as if taken from their own ground. Anyone having cause for complaint will please state it promptly, and all mistakes will be corrected.

You Get What You Order

In ordering write your name and address plainly, and you will receive an acknowledgement of the receipt of your order, and goods will be shipped as soon as season opens. There will

be no substitution of varieties, as you can rely upon getting what you order and nothing else. Many varieties have a local value, and selections for the family garden should be made from the best varieties that will do well over a wide range.

Mail or Express

Add 20 cents per hundred on strawberries. If it be sent by mail, dozen rates, free. Please state in order whether to be sent by mail or express. Prices on larger quantities furnished on application. Buyer to pay express charges or freight.

Terms Strictly Cash

Money may be sent at my risk by registered letter, postoffice money order, or express money order, payable at Moline, Ill. The express companies at Moline are the Adams and the United States; the railroads, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. I can pack and ship at short notice. My place is situated one and one-half miles from the express and post offices.

Raspberry Plants

Sent only at dozen rates, prepaid. One hundred or 1,000 rates, sent by express or freight, purchaser paying charges. No charges for packing or crates. In packing strawberry plants for mailing I use the best quality of moss and waxed paper, that they may reach customers in the United States and Canada in good condition. In packing orders for express or freight,

slat or ventilated crates will be used, with foliage to the air, and tied in bunches of 25 or 50, as desired by purchaser. Raspberries packed so that the new shoots cannot be broken off. In ordering raspberries get them out as early as the season and the ground will permit.

Growing Raspberries

In seting out raspberry plants, plow the land from 6 to 7 inches deep, harrow well, then harrow a little more later on, if the ground is not so wet as to become soggy. Mark off your rows 7½ to 8 feet apart for black sorts. Set plants 3 to 3½ feet apart in the row. Do not put plants in a little hole with roots pointing to the moon, and then blame the man you bought the plants from. Try a potato fork with a boy hitched to it. Let the boy dig and mix the soil at the places where you need the plants, every 3 or 3½ feet, using a vessel or wooden bucket partly filled with water. Do not take over 25 plants at a time. With the aid of a plant trowel and your hands you can make a place for the plants to spread out roots in every direction. Plant from 4 to 5 inches deep, with the crown of the plant slightly covered, being careful not to break off the new shoots in packing soil on roots. A man and a boy can set 1,000 plants per day in this way, after the ground is prepared, with the loss of very few plants. Red sorts can be set the same way, with rows from 6 to 8 feet apart, except Shafers.

The Plow City Strawberry

BY CHARLES C. STONE

In the year 1884 I sowed seed of Sharpless and Atlantic, and quite a number of seedlings was the result. In 1886 my attention was called to a cluster of plants among the rest, quite late in the season, by the large amount of fruit, the large size and fine color. I at once made preparation to give then a fair chance. By cultivating the plants that bore the fruit, five in number was the result in the spring of 1887. I had by selection thirty-eight plants, extra strong ones, and at least as many more that I left in the bed. In setting out the plants they all did well in three different localities and in different soil. Some of the plants set out in 1887 bore a full crop of fine berries the past hot and dry season of 1894, and can be seen standing for 1895 healthy and vigorous, having a stool of twelve to fourteen inches across. The plants are large and robust, and of a bright green color, and have never, in the eight years, showed any sign of blight, rust, or defect of any kind, and have never failed to bear an enormous crop of the finest and largest berries raised on my place. The Plow City is in bearing late to very late, the season extending from June 15 to July 25. It has a strong and perfect blossom, with heavy,

light green foliage, and strong, tall fruit stalks. It is from ten to fifteen inches long, with ten to twenty large berries on each of the four to seven fruit stalks to each plant when two years old. I have often counted from 80 to 100 berries on one year old plants. In the year 1893, from four rows sixty-six feet long, 211 quarts of Plow City Strawberries were picked by one picker and sold, besides a great many that were carried away for samples. Eight boxes were sent to the World's Fair, each box containing respectively, 12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 15, 16 and 17 berries in Hallock quart boxes. One plant sent at the same time, one year old, had 192 perfect berries and blossoms.

For reference, would mention W. C. Wilson or J. W. Warr, editor of *The Western Plowman*, who have picked sample berries that measured eleven and one-half inches in circumference.

I will say of the 227 varieties that have fruited with me, and many thousand seedlings, in the past eighteen years, the Plow City simply leads them all.

Please note the testimony of the different growers on the same subject, also that of Prof. E. S. Goff, Wisconsin Experiment Station, Madison, Wis.; Mr. John Little, of Granton, Ont., or Mr. Beder Wood, of Moline, who have had a large experience in raising fine seedlings. The "Proof of the pudding is in the eating," therefore do not get left, but buy a dozen plants.

The following description of the Plow City strawberry is from Mr. W. C. Wilson, of South Moline, a grower of small fruits, with an experi-

ence of thirty years, who is well qualified to speak regarding the merits of the Plow City strawberry:

In the endeavor to describe the new strawberry originated by C. C. Stone, of this place, the statments necessary to tell the actual truth regarding it must seem to the practical fruit grower almost preposterous. Before saying anything of the berry I desire to say that I have grown all the leading berries from the days of the Hovey, Wilson, Albany, Jocunda, etc. I have, to my sorrow, also tested most of the highly advertised fakes of the Eastern nurseries. I have been called a successful strawberry grower and have had some immense crops, but until I visited Mr. Stone's place and saw the Plow City in fruit, I never fully realized the possibilities of Strawberry culture. In 1893 I visited Mr. Stone's place some four times, at intervals of three or four days, and under conditions far from being the most favorable, and found the Plow City eclipsing everything I ever saw in the way of strawberries. Its special points of merit were:

First—Size.

Second—Symmetry, being even in size, with few rough berries.

Third—Color, being of an even, uniform color, with no green tips or hard cores.

Fourth—Flavor, being much better than the average berry.

Fifth—Firmness, would rank it with the Jessie in this locality.

Sixth—Season, being one of the latest, or,

rather, one of the longest seasons of any berry I ever saw. Mr. Stone for several years has had these berries, fine large ones at that, in the market long after all other growers were out of the market.

Seventh — Yield. My standard of comparison is the Warfield, Crescent, or the Lovett, and I actually believe that the Plow City in 1893 would have doubled the yield of any of them at their best.

In 1894 I visited the Plow City but once and in one of the most unfavorable seasons I ever experienced, and under most adverse conditions found it giving a good account of itself. In that year no berries were ripened properly, especially the larger varieties. Lovett or Warfield, I think, excelled the Plow City in color during the past year, but it was quite up to the Jessie, Bubach, Gandy or Parker early on this point during the past year. Mr. Stone's fruiting patch was on an exposed, dry ridge, not half mulched, and suffered severely by late frosts and the drouth, so that 1894 was really no test. I believe that most of my brother growers in this vicinity will concede that I had the best crop grown near here in 1894. This was largely due to an unusually heavy mulch and protection from our May frosts. My berries were also among the latest, yet Mr. Stone was marketing the Plow City, in quantity, more than a week after my last Gandy was gone.

Among several hundred seedlings that Mr. Stone has grown and tested is another of rare value, a berry named the Gertrude, that is going

to take the place of all others of its season in this neighborhood as soon as we can get the plants.

I, at least, expect to plant all I can afford to buy of each of these berries as soon as they are on the market.

Should Mr. Stone see fit to use this description of his berries as I see them, I trust no one will write to me for plants, as I have none, nor any iterest whatever in them.

W. C. WILSON.

We visited Mr. Stone's place during the years named, and endorse every statement made by Mr. Wilson.

H. E. BIGGS, proprietor Prospect Part Restaurant.

M. J. MCENIRY, Postmaster, Moline, Ill.

J. W. WARR, Editor *Western Plowman*.

BEDER WOOD.

FRANK B. SUMAN, Police Station.

CHARLES HENDERSON, Fruit Grower.

VICTOR HENDERSON, Fruit Grower.

REFERENCES

C. F. HEMENWAY, Cashier First National Bank, Moline.

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HOLMGREN, ANDERSON & CO., grocers, Moline.

DR. J. W. STEWART, Moline.

BEDER WOOD, Moline.

The Gertrude Strawberry

BY CHARLES C. STONE

The Gertrude strawberry was a chance seedling found growing among some grape vines on my place in 1887, by my daughter Gertrude, from whom it derives its name. It has been carefully tested on different soils, has large, tall, bright green foliage that protects its blossoms from frost. Among known varieties, this is one of the earliest to mature. It ripens with the Beder Wood, Sadie Mitchell and other early sorts, being larger than any early variety, and ranking in size with Sharpless, Bubach, Gandy. It holds well to the last picking, resembles the Edgar Queen in shape and has no ill-shaped berries. It is of a pleasing, bright scarlet color, very attractive, the coloring being even, with no white tips. Its flesh is firm and of good quality. The plant is a marvel of beauty and is a treat to look at. It has no sign of rust or other defect about it, and is exceedingly productive. During the past season it bore a profitable crop of fruit, notwithstanding the discouraging conditions of the extreme drouth that prevailed from the time fruit was set out up to nearly five weeks, and this, too, with an ordinary field culture.

The blossoms are large and perfect, and well supplied with the much desired pollen, making it a grand pollenizer for other large pistillate sorts, namely, the Bubach, Edgar Queen, Greenville, Timbrell and Haverland, which in foliage closely resembles the latter.

The Oriole Strawberry.

This is an extra early berry, ripening only two or three days behind Michel's Early, which leads the strawberry season. It is also a large berry, the average measurement being an inch and a quarter across the berry and four inches around; no immense overgrown specimens, and almost no small or unshapely berries among them. It is also a very productive variety, second to none in yield, and this together with its beautiful deep red color, with bright colored seeds standing well out on the surface, firm dark red flesh with a rich aromatic flavor distinctly its own, makes this the most desirable berry for its money value in market that we have ever seen. There are many fine berries that ripen after the market is full and the price way down, but this variety, while equal or superior to them in other respects, ripens most of its crop before its competitors have given their first picking. Plant strong and healthy, both here and at Benton, somewhat after the Bubach type, though plants are produced more freely. Blossom Imperfect, with some stamens partially developed. It has not fruited apart from staminate sorts, but its great productiveness indicates to us that it is Imperfect as it is among this class that all the heavy bearers are found. No one at all interested in strawberries can afford to let this variety go another year untried.

Plant a vigorous grower, with Pistillate blossom; fruit large to very large, very similar

in shape to Bubach; dark scarlet color, seeds sufficiently prominent to make it a first class shipper; flesh very firm, deep scarlet color to the very center; rich and high flavor. Very productive. Season three days later than the Michel.

Price $1.50 per dozen, $7.00 per 100, $50.00 per 1000.

The Ideal Strawberry

So named by Professor Heiges. It is Ideal in every respect; in form no berry could be more perfect, and its uniformity is certainly very remarkable. We know of no other berry so regular. In color it is just right; the same dark red that distinguishes the Wilson when it comes up right, as it rarely does now; flesh rich red all through as all over; of a very high flavor, with a firmness unusual among berries of its large size. Calyx large and showy and a strong staminate of productive habit and robust, healthy growth. In foliage and growth of plants this variety strongly reminds us of Greenville (it would take a decided expert to tell them apart when growing); its fruit also resembles the Greenville in size and quantity, though more regular and less pointed, with a season a full week earlier, about one picking ahead of Dayton. "Nearer perfection," says Mr. Kerr, "than any other variety in existence." "Ideal," says the Pomologist, "and he has hit the mark exactly."

Description of Prof. M. H. Beckwith, Horti-

culturist to Delaware Experiment Station: "A strong, vigorous plant with perfect blossoms; fruit large to very large, calyx prominent. The berry is broadly heart-shaped, very uniform in shape, never coxcombed; color, bright scarlet; flesh very firm, deep scarlet throughout; quality excellent. Vines very productive. Begins ripening with Dayton, about four days ahead of Bubach, but continues in bearing much longer."

Mr. Charles Wright, known to all horticulturists as the Pomologist at the World's Fair, has seen these berries in fruit several times and describes them as follows:

"The Ideal was very large, firm and well shaped, similar to extra nice Wilsons, dark red all through, and medium early. In productiveness, quality, size, firmness and growth of plant, I don't see much room for improvement."

Price $1.50 per dozen, $7.00 per 100, $50.00 per 1000.

AGREEMENT

I hereby agree not to sell, trade, or in any way dispose of plants of the Plow City strawberry at less than the originator's price for the fall of 1895 or spring of 1896, said prices to be as as follows: Per 12, $2.50; per 25, $5.00; per 50, $10.00; per 100, $20.00; per 1,000, $150.00

All restrictions off fall of 1896.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRIES FOR SPRING OF 1896

	Season of Ripening	Productiveness	Size	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
S-Plow City	Late	Very productive	Largest of all	$2 50	$20 00	$150 00
S-Gertrude	Early	" "	Very large	1 00	5 00	25 00
P-Stone's No. 1 or Early	"	Quite productive	Medium to large	75	4 00	25 00
S-Gov. Fifer	Medium	Productive	Medium	75	4 00	...
S-Stone's No. 16 and 17 B.	Early	"	Medium to large	75	4 00	...
P-Stump	Medium	Medium	Medium	1 00	...	...
S-Stone's 49	Early	Very productive	Very large	2 00	...	...
S-Afton	"	Productive	Medium to large	50	1 00	...
P-Alton	Medium	"	Medium	50	1 00	...
S-Aroma	Late	Very productive	Large	40	80	...
S-Brandywine	Medium to late	" "	Very large	75	1 50	...
S-Beede	Medium	Medium	Medium to large	40	80	...
S-Belle	Medium to late	Productive	Large	35	75	...
P-Bubach	Medium	"	"	30	60	5 00
S-Beverly	"	"	Medium to large	30	60	5 00
P-Barton's Eclipse	"	"	" "	35	75	...
P-Bissell	"	"	Large	40	80	6 00
S-B. Wood	Early	Very productive	Medium to large	30	60	4 00
S-Cyclone	"	" "	Large	50	1 00	...
P-Crescent	Early	" "	Medium	25	50	2 50
S-Dayton	Medium	Productive	"	30	75	...
S-Eclipse	"	Medium	"	30	75	...
P-Edgar Queen	"	Productive	Large	40	75	4 50
S-Eleanor	Very early	Very productive	"	1 00	5 00	...
S-Edward's Favorite	Early	Medium	"	35	75	...
S-Enhance	Late	Very productive	Medium to large	35	75	5 00
Ideal and Oriole	Early	Very Productive	Large	1 50	7 00	50 00

	Season of Ripening	Productiveness	Size	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
P-Epping	Medium	Productive	" "	50	75	...
P-Eureka	Late	Productive	Large	50	75	...
S-Fountain	Medium	Very Productive	"	1 00	5 00	...
S-Gillespie	"	Productive	Medium to large	35	75	...
S-Gov. Hoard	"	"	" "	35	75	...
S-Gen'l Putnam	"	"	" "	35	75	...
P-Great Pacific	"	Medium	Medium	35	65	...
P-Greenville	"	Productive	Large	35	75	6 00
P-Haverland	"	"	Medium to large	35	60	3 50
S-Henry Ward Beecher	"	"	Large	37	75	...
S-Iowa Beauty	"	Productive	Medium	35	65	5 00
P-Jay Gould	"	Medium	Large	35	75	...
S-Jocunda Improved	Medium to late	Productive	"	50	75	...
S-Lady Thomson	Early	"	Large	50	80	...
S-Leader	Early	"	Medium to large	40	80	...
S-Lovett's Early	Medium	"	" "	35	75	5 00
S-Marshall	"	Medium	Large	50	1 00	...
S-Middlefield	"	Productive	Medium to large	35	75	...
S-Ohio Centennial		"	Large	50	80	...
S-Parker Earl	Medium to late	Very Productive	Medium to large	35	75	5 00
S-Pearl	" "	Medium	Large	35	75	...
P-Princess	Medium	Productive	Medium	35	75	...
S-Phillip's Seed	"	"	Medium to large	35	75	5 00
P-Princeton Chief	Medium to late	Medium	" "	40	75	5 00
P-Regina	Late	Productive	Medium	35	75	...
S-Rio	Very Early	Very Productive	Large	50	80	8 00
S-Roboson	Medium	Productive	"	35	75	6 00
S-Saunders	"	"	"	35	75	5 00
S-Sunny Side	"	Very Productive	"	75	4 00	...
S-Sherman	Late	Very Productive	Very large	50	1 00	7 00

	Season of Ripening	Productiveness	Size	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
S-Shuckless	Medium	Productive	Medium to large	50	75	...
P-Shusler's Gem	"	"	Large	35	75	...
S-Splendid	"	"	"	50	80	6 00
S-Stazmen's No. 1	"	"	Medium to large	35	75	...
S-Tennessee Prolific	"	"	Large	35	75	7 00
P-Timbrell	Medium to late	"	Medium to large	40	80	...
S-Vandeman	Early	"	" "	35	75	4 00
P-Warfield	Medium	"	Medium	25	50	3 00
S-Wolverton	"	"	Medium to large	35	75	...
S-Watson	Early	"	" "	50	1 00	...
P-Weston	Medium	"	" "	1 00	5 00	...
P-Winnipeg	Early	"	Very large	1 50	...	...
S-Wesley	Medium	"	Medium to large	1 00	...	...
S-Yale	"	Medium	Medium	35	75	...
P-Prize	Early	Productive	Medium to large	75	3 00	...
S-Effie May	Medium	"	" "	1 00	5 00	...
S-Cruse's No. 9	"	"	Large	1 00	5 00	...
P-Sadie	Very Early	Very productive	Medium	25	60	4 00

PRICE LIST OF MILLER RED RASPBERRY AND OTHER SORTS

	Each	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1000
Miller	$ ...	$1 25	$4 00	$25 00
Columbian, see descrip.	40	3 50	20 00	...
Turner	...	50	75	7 00
Shafers col	...	50	90	9 00
Golden Queen	...	50	1 50	...

	Each	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1000
London	$ 40	$3 50	$15 00	$ ...
Cuthbert	...	50	75	7 00
Malboro, brandy wine	...	50	80	8 00
Muskingum	...	50	2 00	...
Yellow Spice, new	40	4 00	...	...

BLACK CAP VARIETIES

	Each	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
Palmer		50	1 00	8 00
Kansan		60	1 50	9 00
Older Transplants		75	2 00	11 00
Eureka		75	3 00	25 00
Older Tips		60	1 50	9 00
Soughegan and Tyler		50	1 00	8 00

BLACKBERRIES—PRICES AND DESCRIPTIONS

	Each	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
Eldorado, med. suckers	35	1 00	4 00	
Maxwell's Suckers	25	1 00	4 00	
Ancient Britton		50	2 00	
Stone's Hardy, late root		60	2 00	11 00
Stone's Early	50	5 00		
Eldorado, root cuttings		1 50	6 00	
Maxwell's Early, root cut	35	1 50	6 00	
Stone's Hardy, late sucker		50	1 50	9 00
Snyder, second early		50	1 00	8 00

GOOSEBERRIES

	Each	Per 12	Per 100	Per 1,000
Chat uqua	75	7 50		
Smiths' Imp	10	1 00	8 00	
Houghton	8	75	6 00	
Red Jacket	50	5 00		
Downing	10	1 00		8 00
Pearl	50	5 00		

From the amount of testimonials received yearly, it convinces me my plants and packing please the people, for I did not receive one to the contrary in 1895.

We send plants at dozen rates prepaid, by express or freight; at 100 and 1,000 rates, the purchaser paying the charges.

No. 1—$1.50 Collection.

12P-Sadie strawberry, early and productive.
12S-Gaudy strawberry, late plants.
12S-Edgar Queen strawberry.
12S-Beder Wood strawberry.
2S-Gertrude strawberry plants.
6-Palmer raspberry plants.
6-Older seedling raspberry plants.
12-Gregg, best late raspberry plants.
By express, $1.50.

No. 2—$4.50 Collection.

3S-Plow City strawberry, new plants, best grade.
6S-Gertrude, best new large early strawberry.
12S-Governor Fifer, medium new strawberry.
12P-Princess strawberry.
12S-Beauty strawberry, large and fine.
12S-Sherman strawberry.
12-Palmer raspberry, best early black.
12-Kansas raspberry, large and fine.
12-Older raspberry, best medium.
1-Yellow Spice raspberry, new yellow.
12-Shafer's Colassal raspberry.
By express, $4.50.

No. 3—$3.50 Collection.

1S-Plow City, best late strawberry.
3S-Gertrude, best large early strawberry.
6S-Governor Fifer, medium to late new.
6S-Beauty, new fine large.
12P-Haverland, very productive.

12S-Beverly, large fine medium.
12S-Parker's Earl, one of the best late.
12P-Sadie, early and productive.
12-Palmer, early black raspberry.
12-Older, best large black medium raspberry
12-Gregg, best large late black.
12-Turner, red hardy productive.
12-Shaffer's Colossal, best large purple.
By express, $3.50.

No. 4—$6.00 Collection of Strawberry and Raspberry Plants.

6-Gertrude, best large new early.
25-Beder Wood, early strawberry.
3-Plow City, best new large, late.
25-Gandy strawberry, late.
12-Governor Fifer strawberry, medium.
25-Haverland strawberry, medium.
25-Parker Earl strawberry.
25-Palmer raspberry, first early.
25-Gregg, best large late.
25-Older, best large medium.
25-Kansas, new large early.
12-Shafer's Colossal, large purple.
6-Muskingum raspberry, new purple.
2-Yellow Spice raspberry, new yellow.
1-Plant, new advance raspberry, early black.
This collection by express or freight, $6.00.

Raspberries.

Eureka.

New, early and large. Per dozen, 75 cents; per hundred, $3.00.

Palmer.

Best of all early raspberries; have tested it for three years; is far ahead of Souhegan or Tyler. It is hardy, early, large size, good in quality and productive fruit, jet black. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.50; thousand, $8.00.

Kansas.

Next to Palmer in earliness, larger than Gregg, more productive and hardier, and a good shipper. Orders should be sent in early to secure good plants. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred $1.50; thousand, $9.00.

Older.

Ripens after Kansas, is as large as Gregg, with small seeds, jet black, with thick juice, hangs on the bushes well and stands drouth well. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.50; thousand, $9.00.

Gregg.

This is the stand-by for a late variety, it is one of the latest black caps. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.25; thousand, $7.50.

Shafers.

The largest red raspberry grown, larger than Gregg, purple in color. Dozen, 75 cents, hundred: $1.50; thousand, $9.00.

Muskingum.

A new variety coming from Ohio. It resembles Shafers very close, the plants being more compact in growth and fully as prolific, if not more so. The flesh is also hardier. Dozen, 50 cents; $2.00 per 100.

Brandywine.

A red raspberry, late, and a good shipper. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.00; thousand, $8.00.

Turner.

One of the oldest raspberries, but a standby here. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.00; thousand, $8.00.

Soughegan or Tyler.

Too well known to need any description. Dozen, 75 cents; hundred, $1.25; thousand, $8.00.

Miller Red Raspberry.

Here is an instance of one of the good things of life which has been kept from the public for some years by a few growers, who preferred to market the fruit rather than sell the plants. This berry has been fruited for some years past, and would probably have remained in seclusion for a long time to come if it had not been brought to public notice by a few enterprising fruit men, who desired that the horticultural world should know more of its good qualities

and reap some benefits thereof. Only a short description is necessary.

The bush is a stout, healthy, vigorous grower, not quite so tall as Cuthbert, but rather more stocky and dwarfish. It is well calculated to hold up the immense crops of fruit with which it loads itself.

As compared with Cuthbert and Thompson, growing in the same field, it has never yet shown any signs of winter killing, whilst these have both suffered considerably in mild winters. Berry is as large as Cuthbert, holding its size to the end of the season; round in shape; color bright red, does not fade, but will hold its color after shipment longer than any other red variety; core very small, does not crumble, making the firmest and best shipping berry in existence; has not the flat taste of some varieties, but a rich, fruity flavor entirely its own. The time of ripening is with the very earliest, the first picking being with Thompson's Early, June 11, the Miller producing double the quantity of berries at each picking that Thompson's did, in the same field, under the same conditions, continuing until August 3—Thompson having been gone three weeks; fully as prolific as Cuthbert. It does not seem particular as to soil having been fruited on light, sandy, gravelly and heavy clay soils with equal success. To sum up in conclusion, it possesses the following points of superiority as compared with other varieties:

1st. Ripens with the very earliest.
2d. Productiveness equal to any.

3d. Has no equal as a shipper.
4th. Perfectly hardy.
5th. Quality unsurpassed.
6th. Attractive color.

Price each, 25c.; per doz., $1.00; per 100, $3.00; per 1000, $25.00.

Yellow Spice.

Chance seedling found growing wild along a hedge fence, four miles from Moline, entirely distinct from anything in cultivation; stout, robust, healthy stock; bush of bright yellow color, free from disease, blight or any defect; very productive and extremely hardy; bore a good crop in 1895, after the cold winter of '94, of fine, large and spicy flavored fruit. Price each, large, 40 cents; smaller, 30 cents. By mail prepaid, 4 for $1.00; large, $4.00 per dozen; No. 2, $3.00 per dozen. Order early, only a limited supply.

Loudon Red.

Originated by Mr. Loudon, of Wisconsin. Large, firm, bright scarlet color, flavor excellent; one of the best. Each 40c.; per doz. $3.50; per 100, $15.00.

The Columbian.

We are prepared to offer to our customers and to the trade generally, the plants of this valuable fruit for the spring of 1896.

The following points show the superiority of the Columbian over all other berries now grown:

1. It is a most vigorous grower, canes ten to sixteen feet in length, and often over an inch

in diameter; strong and woody; color light green changing to bright red in autumn.

2. Its roots are large and spreading, and penetrate the soil to a great depth, thus enabling it to resist drowth successfully.

3. It is very hardy, enduring 28° below zero without harm.

4. Fruit very large, often an inch in diameter; shape somewhat conical, color dark red bordering on purple, adheres firmly to the stem and will dry on the bush if not picked; seeds small and deeply imbedded in a rich, juicy pulp, with a distinct flavor of its own, making it a most delicious table berry.

5. For canning purposes it is much superior to any other for the following reasons: It holds its form better. Is of a more beautiful color. Is sweeter and richer in flavor. Shrinks less in processing.

6. It makes a fine evaporated berry, retaining color, form and flavor in a most remarkable degree, and selling for fully one-third more than other berries.

7. Its fruiting season is very uniform, extending from July 12 to August 15 and maintaining its high quality to the last.

8. It is a most excellent shipper, never crumbling nor crushing either in handling or transportation.

9. It is wonderfully prolific, yielding over 8,000 quarts to the acre; 3,500 bushes produced on an average five quarts each, or 17,500 quarts.

In full confirmation of the statements made about the Columbian Raspberry, it may be ad-

ded that at the fair of the New York State Agricultural Society, held at Syracuse, September, 1894, the First Prize was awarded the Columbian Raspberry as the best for Canning purposes. Also the First Prize for Evaporating purposes.

As a profitable Raspberry it stands today unrivaled. No berry grower can afford to be without it.

Maxwell's Early Blackberry.

In introducing this new Blackberry to our friends and patrons, we do so with the utmost sincerity and belief that it is the coming early market variety, and as proof of our faith in this berry we have planted it largely in our own plantings for market. It comes from Kansas and we can only give the originator's description of it as given to us. It would be difficult to overestimate the value of a blackberry as large or larger than Wilson's Early, and ripening as early as Early Harvest, and this is claimed for Maxwell's Early. Very large, sweet, rich, luscious, melting in your mouth; no core whatever; very productive; ripens before strawberries are gone, or at same time with Lucretia Dewberry and Early Harvest Blackberry, and is three times as large as the latter. Bush a low, strong, stocky grower, free from rust, double blossom or other disease.

Fruit growers will appreciate the immense value of a blackberry, healthy, free from dis-

ease and double blossom, as large as Wilson's Early and ripening with Early Harvest. Such is Maxwell's Early, and it will be extensively planted as soon as plants can be produced.

Eldorado Blackberry.

DESCRIPTION.—Like many of our best fruits, Eldorado is an accidental seedling, and takes its name from the town close by which it was found in Preble Co., Ohio. It has been in cultivation 12 years and under careful test at different experiment stations for 4 years. In every case they report it high above any other variety, and all agree that it has never winter-killed or failed to produce a full crop of the finest fruit. While it is of superior flavor, and very large, the vines will also stand the winters of the far northwest without injury. The yield is enormous, the fruit being jet black, in large clusters ripening well together. Its keeping quality is unsurpassed. Some berries brought to our office this summer were accidentally left for 10 days after picking in a covered box. Opon testing them we found them in the best condition, and as sweet as when pulled. Summing up its qualities, it is the most productive, hardiest (not being injured in Minnesota), of extra fine quality, sweetest, without core, best keeper—a combination which has never before been attained in a Blackberry. $1.50 per doz.; $9.00 per 100; $70.00 per 1,000. Root cuttings.

L. G. KELLOG, RIPON, WIS.—The half dozen Pearl Gooseberry I purchased of you have fruited the past two seasons. They are very strong, upright growers, very productive, fruit large, good quality, and I have seen no sign of mildew.

Pearl Gooseberry.

The most prolific Gooseberry known. Originated by Professor William Saunders, of the Experimental Station at Ottawa, Canada. It has also been thoroughly tested at nearly all of the Experimental Stations in the United States for the past four years, and reports are unanimous in its favor. It is a wonderful cropper, strong grower, and free from mildew. Fruit one-third larger than Downing. For sale by C. C. Stone.

We believe that all that is necessary to prove what we say is to give it a fair trial, and then when it is as well known abroad as it is at home it will advertise itself.

TESTIMONIALS

These are a few of the many words of praise from growers of different states on receiving plants from me:

D. L. BISSELL, TENTI, ILL.—The plants came to hand in fine shape. Very nice plants.

S. H. WARREN, WESTON, MASS.—Your plants are received in good shape. Thanks.

CASSELL NURSERY CO., COVINGTON, O.—Beder Wood plants received in good shape.

CLEVELAND NURSERY CO., RIO VISTA, VA.—We received your plants today, all O K.

C. F. TREFT, SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA—Strawberry plants looking nicely, but need rain.

F. L. ROSSER, BRITTAIN, O.—Your plants in good condition. I think every one will grow.

C. HOWARD, Two Johns, MD., April 15, 1895—Plants received all right and in good condition.

E. WILLETT, NORTH COLLINS, N. Y., April 18. 1895—Your plants sent us came through in fine shape.

D. J. PIPER, FORRESTON, ILL., May 3, 1895—I received the Plow City in fine condition and planted them today,

C. N. FLANSBURGH, LESLIE, MICH.—Plow City and Gertrude arrived. Fine plants Splendid condition.

BENJ. M. SMITH, BEVERLY, MASS.—Strawberry plants came this evening in splendid condition, finely packed.

AMERICAN FARM AND HORTICULTURIST, RIO VISTA, VA.—Your Stone's Early, No. 1, have done well this year.

Could furnish these pages full of testimonials like these from every state, but for lack of space think it not necessary.

BEDER WOOD—For productiveness, size, color, flavor and firmness, I consider your Plow City very fine as I saw it on your ground.

E. S. GOFF, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXPERIMENT STATION, MADISON, WIS.—The Plow City is one of our promising new strawberries.

E. D. HULL, OLYPHANT, PA.—I received a package of strawberry plants from you today. In fine condition they were, not even wilted.

P. SUTTON, EPETER, PA.—Your plants received after being delayed 19 days, but not your fault. Plants look quite fresh for the time and most of them will grow, I think.

B. J. MESSER, SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA—We set the strawberry plants received from you Friday. Fine, large plants they are. All doing well, but we need some rain.

E. J. HULL, OLYPHANT, PA., May 22, 1895—The Plow City strawberry plants I purchased of you arrived today in fine condition. I shall thoroughly test this variety with 160 other kinds.

I. COOK, ELPASO CO., TEXAS, Oct. 10, 1895—Your Plow City plants received in good shape: very large plants. Set them out last night. I think they will all grow. Will want more plants another season.

WM. TERRY, WASHOUT, IDAHO, Sept. 12, 1895—Your Plow City and Gertrude strawberry are all you claim for them. Buy the way they fruited in June and July for me. We had several messes from the two dozen plants.

W. S. TURNER, CORNWALL, ONT., A director of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, writes: I have fruited the Pearl Gooseberry I got from you and I think it is superior to the Downing. It is a little larger and more prolific with me.

HOLMGREN, ANDERSON & CO., MOLINE, ILL.—In giving our testimony on the Plow City strawberry, would say that we could never get enough of them. They are really the largest berry we have ever sold, and the flavor is perfect.

J. M. HOLT, MOLINE, ILL.—This is to certify that I have used the Plow City strawberry grown by C. C Stone, of the Fairview farm at South Moline, Ill., and found it one of the best flavored and best canning berries that I have ever used.

CHARLES HART, MONROE CO., NEW YORK, Sept. 12, 1895—The Plow City plants I received of you last spring have done splendid, they bore on spring set plants. I think they beat Parker Earl in productiveness and much larger, with fine flavor.

PETER JOHNSON, WARSAW, IND., August 12, 1895—Your strawberry plants you sent us this spring we have only lost seven plants out of the 400 plants. You ought to see the Gertrude and Plow City, they look fine. Shall need some more plants next spring.

J. TODD, WINNIPEG, MAN., Aug. 8, 1895—Your plants of Plow City and Effie May have grown fine, only lost one of Effie May; will have plants enough to set quite a patch. I think they are fine and very productive; will want some more plants next spring.

FRANK A. DRUHL, SCOTT COUNTY, Iowa—I have seen the Plow City strawberry growing on Mr. Stone's farm and would say it is the best, largest and finest I have ever seen. It is the most productive, has fine, healthy foliage and the very best of flavor.

JOHN CAIN, MADISON COUNTY, MISSOURI—Your plants of Plow City and Stone's Early have growed finely. We thought them dear at first but will take it all back. Such berries on young plants set this spring on Plow City was never seen before in these parts.

MRS. L. N. WARNER, WATERTOWN, ILL.—I can say for the Plow City as a late berry, it has a fine appearance on your grounds, a luxuriant growth and very productive The berries are very large and firm and of good flavor and seem to be a very promising variety,

GRANTON, ONT., Dec. 4—This is to certify that the strawberry plants I had from you for testing have done well here, especially Plow City and Gertrude. The Plow City is a beautiful long, large size and productive. Gertrude is a splendid plant maker, covering the berries from all insects and birds. The pickers like to get that row, they fill the basket so quickly. If they do as well elsewhere from their original home they will be much thought of by strawberry growers. Yours truly,

JOHN LITTLE.

Another disastrous season for fruit growers has past, the worst for 20 years. But with all that "he that would thrive must hold the plow and drive," we seem to have the same amount of labor to perform to produce another crop. But with the beautiful rains since July last we feel encouraged to try, try again.

JOHN PIERCE, SOUTH MOLINE, ILL.—I have watched Mr. Stone's new seedlings for several years, as he has the largest collection that I know of, from the earlies to the extreme late. Stone's Early Gertrude being fine early sort; Plow City being very late, and combining more good points than any berries I have ever seen.

ANNIE L. JACK, the popular writer for *The Rural New Yorker*, has tested it at her home in Chateaugua Basin. Providence of Quebec, and writes: The Pearl Gooseberry is a success. It is free from mildew with us; is not large, but prolific, clear and good, both in foliage and fruit; superior in size and quality to the Downing and an acquisition to our list of that fruit.

B. J. MESSER, DAVENPORT, IOWA—In regard to your new strawberries that I saw growing in your field last summer, I would say that the Gertrude is an early berry, extraordinary in size, productiveness, beauty and quality, having a strong plant. The Plow City is a late berry, a very strong grower and produces heavy crops of fine, large fruit.

DAVID KELSO, SOUTH MOLINE, ILL.—Upon my ground in field and test bed I have about 200 varieties, comprising nearly all the standard varieties known to the public, and many new sorts. On trial, from careful observation during several seasons past, I regard, all points considered, the following two varieties to be the best of their season yet introduced: Gertrude for early and Plow City for late.

C. HENDERSON, SOUTH MOLINE, ILL.—We are well acquainted with Mr. Stone as an honorable fruit grower and an earnest horticulturist, and he has something growing on his place in strawberries. He keeps to the front in all leading sorts, but Gertrude, as an early, large, productive berry; Plow City as a late, large and most productive berry, we have never seen their equal.

VICTOR HENDERSON, MOLINE, ILL.—I have carefully watched the small fruit farm of C. C. Stone, as he is a neighbor fruit grower. As he is an earnest horticulturist he succeeds in producing more good novelties than any other man of his age. In two varieties they surpass anything of the kind that I have ever seen. If I was confined to two varieties they would be the Gertrude for early and the Plow City for late.

E. J. SCOFIELD, HANOVER, WIS.—Plow City, as seen in fruiting on the originator's grounds at Moline, Ill., June, '94, was certainly making a very fine show of fruit.

Berries large, late and plenty of them; plants robust and apparently healthy, although they were suffering for want of rain, as the ground in the bed was cracked open in many places a quarter of an inch. If it will do as well in general as it does on the grounds of the originator it will prove a success.

E. S. GOFF, MADISON, WIS.—In reply to yours of the 11th ult., I have delayed my reply until the strawberry season is nearly over in order that I might give a more intelligent report. The plants came late in the spring of 1892 and did not make a very good growth. They have borne well and the fruit is of large size and good quality. The fruit holds its size very well indeed. Next season I shall have an opportunity to give a better idea of its productiveness. I consider Plow City one of our promising sorts.

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